PALM BEACH STATE COLLEGE RETIREES ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2010 JOAN YOUNG, EDITOR

A Big Shake-Up!

Good news! We're getting a big shake-up! At our last meeting members unanimously agreed to expand our membership by including all retired employees from our college (instead of only retired faculty and administrators).

From now on we will be known as the **Palm Beach State College Retirees Association**, CRA for short.

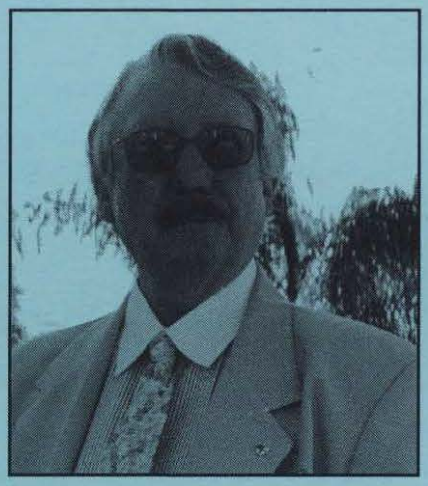
In early May our President Bill Wilson, our Vice President Kathleen Asher, and several members of our Opportunities Committee met with College Vice President Richard Becker to present the new membership plan and to discuss various opportunities and benefits the College may offer our members.

Mr. Becker agreed to present our plan for reorganization to the College's Board of Trustees for their endorsement.

We will continue to work with Mr. Becker and the Board on benefits that the College may offer to members (use of the College's fitness center, computer lab use, college e-mail, parking privileges, a CRA web site, etc.) and on volunteer opportunities for members (theater ushers, club advisors, tutors, etc.).

A committee (Joan Young, Richard Yinger, Sherri Hill, Ardease Johnson) was set up to make the bylaws changes necessitated by the reorganization. They will report at our next meeting in October.

*****Meanwhile, if you know any non-faculty retirees from our College, please invite them to contact one of our leaders. Or invite them to come to the next meeting.*****



Message from the President ... *Bill Wilsont*

Our meeting in May was a historic one for our organization. We voted to expand our membership to include all retirees from our college—faculty, administrators, and staff. We expect the organization, the Palm Beach State College Retirees Association (CRA), will experience growth in activities and opportunities with an influx of college-connected persons with various backgrounds and interests and abilities.

For the seventeen years of our existence our members have exclusively been retired members of the faculty or academic leadership at the college Gradually, over the years, we have become less and less active and more and more stagnant, with fewer and fewer members participating and contributing their efforts and ideas to our pursuits.

An indication of this apathy and lack of willingness to support our organization is that, in spite of my having announced well ahead that I would not be running for President again, I was reluctantly persuaded to do so at the meeting in May because there were no nominees for the position!

So your elected officers from May 2010 through May 2011 are President, Bill Wilson, Vice President Kathleen Asher, Secretary Joan Young, and Treasurer Honey Duncan, as they have been for several years.

I want to announce once again, this time irrevocably, that I will not run for re-election at the May 2011 meeting. It will be up to you—all of you—to find new leaders. I urge you to select a younger, more energetic President with the vision to take the organization into the future, a future in which we are a more visible, productive, positive, and innovative organization.

And to find new members! If you know, or know of, another retiree from our college who is not a member, please send his/her name (and contact information, if possible) to me or one of the other officers.

Our fall meeting will be on **Friday, October 22, 2010, in the Faculty Dining Room, Lake Worth Campus, at 11:00 AM**. It will be a luncheon meeting, and you will receive a reminder notice of this meeting closer to that date.

Also, mark your calendars for our **Holiday Party at Atlantis Country Club, Friday, December 10, 2010**. This has been for several years a very happy event—good food, music, gifts and prizes--so be sure to plan on attending if you can. You will receive notice of this event beforehand so that you can reserve seats for yourself and your guests.

See you at the meeting in October!

PALM BEACH STATE COLLEGE

(L. TO R.): GLEN MARSTELLER, JAN BUSSELL, JOHN SCHMIEDERER
VIEW FROM THE BUSSELL'S HOUSE, OVERLOOKING THE FRENCH BROAD RIVER, DOUGLAS LAKE, DANDRIDGE, TENNESSEE, JUNE 7, 2009

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Celeste Beck writes that she's "loving retirement"—taking classes in Adobe Photoshop, busy with art groups, and helping local groups with fundraising. She misses everyone.

Bill Boorman and Margo were in Florida to spend Christmas with his daughter, Stacy, and her family. He says it was very cold and windy. Driving back, he was snowed in in Louisiana(!) and spent three days waiting for the road to clear through Dallas-Fort Worth. But he won $800, he says, so it was not so bad. In September Bill's family (Eric, Fatima, Lauren 4, Liam 2 and Stacy, Paul, Stefanie 4) will join him and Margo at his time share at "Ridge Tahoe." Before then, he and Margo will attend their 55th high school reunion and go on a 15-day cruise (7 ports) through the Panama Canal on *Celebrity Infinity*.

Virginia Brooks and her husband, John, spend a lot of time in Christian volunteer activities and conservative political work. They enjoy a two- or three-month stay every summer in the hills of East Tennessee.

We haven't heard from **Jan Bussell** and Joyce since last fall when they wrote from their summer home in Tennessee that they had been visited by the Marstellers and the Schmiederers in June (see photo above) and that they planned to go on a 7-day Caribbean cruise in November. Their Tennessee address is 1018 Hillview Drive, Dandridge, TN 37725.

John Connolly says that he and **Joanne** "survived" their 50th wedding anniversary in November.

Donald Cook: "Still kickin' at 81!!"

La Posada, the Continuing Care Retirement Community in Palm Beach Gardens where **Helen Darcey** and her husband reside, is very near the College's north campus on PGA Blvd. She asks that you call her or come for a visit.

Lucile Dickinson enjoys being director of instruction and teaching at the Computer Learning Center on Hagen Ranch Road in Boynton. She has been volunteering for them for fifteen years.

We've learned that **Ruth Dooley** was being treated in Holy Cross Hospital in Fort Lauderdale after suffering a stroke in mid-July. Her speech, swallowing, and anger control were affected, but not her limbs. She has since moved to West Broward Nursing Center, a nursing care and rehab center, where she is under-going physical, occupational, and speech therapy. The address is 2534 N. University Dr., Lauderhill, FL 33351 and the phone, 954/572-0311.

Honey Duncan was featured in an article in *The Palm Beach Post*, Sunday, February 28. Her long-time relationship with the College from being a student in the late 1940's through her marriage to Professor Watson B. Duncan to her participation in the College Retirees Association is described. But it is her active involvement in the politics and civic matters of Lake Worth that constitutes her greatest contributions: elected to the City Council in 1981, a member of the board of the lSalvation Army, a member of the Lake Worth Library Board, a volunteer in the schools, a member of the Lake Worth Civic Council of the Lake Worth Women's Club. What a treasure we have in Honey!

Kathleen Drawdy wants us to know that she sold her Port St. Lucie house in February and has become a permanent resident at her Georgia address.

To celebrate his 91st birthday in June **Paul Graham** and Ruth celebrated with 17 people at a block party in their carport. Paul reports that he doesn't get out very often—the weather in Kentucky has been either too cold in the winter or too hot in the summer—but when he does, he must use a walker or cane. He plans to return to Florida in September. He asks you to vote for his son Bill for the Palm Beach County School Board, if you live in his district.

Joan Holloway went to her grandson's graduation from Penn State and her granddaughter's high school graduation in Long Island, NY.

"Things sorta slowed down" while her husband Jim recovered from a broken hip in January, reports **Joanne Kelly**. But the travelin' Kellys were off again in May to New Orleans, camping because rooms were scarce. Joanne calls the trip a "big blast of a hurrah before the latest crippling oil spill." They also enjoyed their son's art show. They expected to do some hiking in California in July, but we haven't heard yet about that.

Diana Kilpatrick enjoyed doing some adjunct teaching last year at Florida Keys CC. She and her husband have finished renovating their 1959 house in Brevard, NC, and will reside there during the summer season. They will continue to spend their winters in the Keys.

James McCue says that his dialysis treatments three days a week limit his travel time.

Since her son, Dr. Joseph Morrissey, was fatally shot during a home invasion robbery in Plantation last April, **Rosalie Morrissey** has been managing to cope, she says. Joe Morrissey, an assistant professor of

pharmaceutical sciences at Nova Southeastern University, "enjoyed an international reputation for his pioneering research into the use of radio frequency waves in cancer treatment" (*Sun-Sentinel, 4/7/10*). The Florida House of Representatives sent Rosalie a parchment document of tribute for the "dedication of his life to improving the quality of life of others through his scientific research." The perpetrator of the crime, a former tenant, was apprehended and is awaiting trial.

Dan O'Connell and Ruth were selected as delegates for the U.S.-China Peoples Friendship Association (USCPFA) Forum in China from September 6-17. The Forum includes participants from Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the U.S., and other English-speaking countries. It will begin in Shanghai, continue to Nanchang, and end in Beijing. Besides the Forum delegates will visit World Expo 2010 in Shanghai and tour the Jiangxi Province, where the Long March began. Afterwards, Dan and Ruth will fly to Guangzhou to visit with friends, fellow teachers, and students at South China Normal University. Finally, they will take the train or bus to Hong Kong to visit with other friends and colleagues, then fly home to Florida around September 26.

Mary Orsenigo and two friends spent a week on Deer Isle, Maine in July, staying at an inn on the harbor. They enjoyed the boating and the parade and fireworks shot off from another island on Independence Day. In our last newsletter we erroneously reported the date of the death of Mary's husband, Dr. Joseph R. Orsenigo, in April 2009. He died in June 2009 in Belle Glade.

Ernest Parbhoo retired last May after 33 years as a college professor, 22 of them in Palm Beach, teaching journalism and English. He reports that he also served on many newspapers from Florida to Alaska, in addition to four newspapers overseas.

Trinette Robinson wrote that she was expecting a fourth great-grandchild in California in July

Our most traveling member, **Alyse Schoenfeldt**, wrote that she and her two sons were scheduled to be off on July 13 for a three-week photo safari in Zambia and Zimbabwe. She had also planned for an "adventure" every other month (including visits to California and India) until January, when "I shall return to my love—teaching Spanish at Palm Beach State College."

"Retirement is wonderful!" writes **Frankie Sprague**, who is still enjoying her children and grandchildren and church activities, as well as a good season of concerts and plays at the Eissey Theater. She "greeted spring with a visit to Shenandoah Valley . . . daffodils and cherry blossoms in full bloom . . . and awesome Skyline Drive." She also spent a week at historical Driftwood Inn in Vero Beach, reading and shopping.

Lawrence Tuttle reports that he had a third Pacemaker implanted on his 90th birthday and a gallstone operation earlier this summer. "All they found were old golf balls!" He reaches the age of 91 soon. He says he's "trying for at least 95 years."

Our dedicated President, **Bill Wilson**, is still adjusting to his hip replacement . What is difficult to adjust to is living with his hyperactive daughter and 5-year-old granddaughter in his small apartment. But he hopes to get away in early October to attend the *U.S.S. Coral Sea* annual **convention in Washington, DC.**

Joan Young's car was totally wrecked in an accident in January and her driver's license has been suspended for a year; so she's having to depend on buses and rides from friends to get around. During July she suffered from a contagious skin disease and had to remain at home for over a week. She serves as Secretary and Newsletter Editor for the CRA, Secretary of the Palm Beach Chapter of FACC, and Secretary of the FACC statewide Retirees Commission. She also bowls once or twice a week.

Now for the sad news of the deaths of some of our colleagues and their family members. **Mary Bosworth**, who retired in 1987, passed away in September. **Carol Farmer** died of cancer in December.

Walter Franklin's wife, Jo, reported that he died at home of a heart attack in December at the age of 80. Walter retired in 1993, after 32 years at the College and was a former mayor of Lake Clarke Shores.

Mary J. Woods, a professor in the nursing program from 1979 until her retirement in 1993, died in April at the age of 80 after a brief battle with cancer.

Help! Help! Help!

An Editorial by Joan Young

(Most of this article is a reprint from the last issue, because it is still relevant and still important!!)

Have you noticed that five members are doing eight jobs for EFA (most of them for many years)? Do these names sound familiar? They should. These same people have been volunteering for these positions in the Emeritus Faculty Association for many years. It seems unfair that a handful of our members should assume all of the work involved in running this organization, while the rest do nothing but sit back and reap the benefits of belonging.

Most importantly right now, our devoted and efficient President since the year 2000, Bill Wilson, having served a longer term than any of his predecessors, has announced he's calling it quits!

The EFA's first President, when it was established by the College's Board of Trustees in early 1993, was Sam Bottosto. He was succeeded by Lucille Dickinson in late 1994, then Elisabeth Erling in 1997, and Mary Bosworth in 1998.

Bill has accomplished much for the EFA during his unassuming and unofficious term of leadership. In 2003 he directed exploration into revising the EFA's Constitution and Bylaws, which resulted in expanding the purposes of the Association from merely social ones to ones providing opportunities for members to interact with Palm Beach State personnel and students, to volunteer services, and to obtain benefits and services for members. He established the practices of a door prize gift certificate at each meeting and of a Holiday Luncheon Party for members and guests in December—a practice which has been increasingly popular with members each year.

We are in debt to Bill for his service, and we need to repay that debt by action. It is time for some of our "young" members—those still in their sixties—to step in and assume some of the leadership. We who are 80 plus are wearing out!

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**other retires from the College*

DON'T FORGET TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR:

October 22, 2010
Luncheon Meeting

December 10, 2010
Holiday Luncheon Party

Never too late!

. . . to keep up your membership in the College Retirees Association, where you can keep in touch with your former colleagues at Palm Beach State College.

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